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In re Application of:

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A PLASTIC EDGE STRIP TO A PLATE-LIKE WORKPIECE AND SUCH A WORKPIECE**

(Continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP00/02150 with International Filing Date of 10 March 2000.)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the continuation application filed herewith, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 15, 16 and 21 as per attached with this preliminary amendment. The within amendment reflects amendments to claims 15, 16 and 21 as previously amended by amended claims annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report. Pursuant to the new rules implementing the AIPA, a clean copy of the amended claims is attached along with a marked-up copy of the claims indicating the proposed claim amendments.

Please add newly submitted claim 23 as per attached.